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Mayor Tomaki Juda
Bikini-Kili-Ejit Council
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Dear Mayor Juda:

Allow me to convey the heartfelt and deepest condolences of the Department of Energy to you, the Council, the People of Bikini, and the family and friends of the late Senator Henchi Balos, over the tragic loss to you all at his untimely death.

We have known and worked with Senator Balos for more than two decades and found him to be a worthy and tireless advocate of the needs and desires of the Bikini people. He aggressively and firmly held to his convictions in representing the rights of Bikini, irrespective of pressure and personal consequences. Yet, he did so, in his dealings with those of us in the Department, particularly myself, with unfailing courtesy and polite respect. Always the gentleman, ever the friendly, cordial person outside the rough and tumble of the public forum in which he excelled in pursuing the interests of his Beloved atoll and people, Senator Balos was highly respected by those of us who had the good fortune to be associated with him.

He will be missed...by all of us.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Jackson".

William D. Jackson, Manager
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